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A LIST
OF THE
CLERGY AND LAY-DELEGATES,
WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION OF 1822.

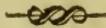
CLERGY.

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina.
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church.
The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's Church.
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The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.
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The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon, St. John's, Colleton.
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, St. John's, Colleton.
The Rev. Joseph M. Gilbert, Rector, Edisto Island.
The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.
The Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector of St. Mark's, Clarendon, and St. Mark's, Manchester.
The Rev. David I. Campbell, Deacon, St. Stephen's, Black Oak and the Rocks.
The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Deacon, St. James', Santee.
The Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, Deacon, North Santee, Winyaw.
The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Deacon, All Saints, Waccamaw.
The Rev. Milward Pogson, Rector of St. James', Goose Creek.
The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Deacon, officiating in St. Paul's, Pendleton, and St. James', Greenville.

LAY-DELEGATES.

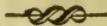
St. Michael's—David Alexander, Robert J. Turnbull, Robert Hazlehurst, William Read, M. D. John Bay.
St. Philip's—Thomas Lowndes, Thomas W. Bacot, Col. Henry H. Bacot, Joseph Johnson, M. D.
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough—Edward P. Simons, Benjamin Fuller.

Prince George, Winyaw—Major Samuel Wragg, John Mann Taylor,
B. F. Trapier.
St. John's, Berkley—Keating Simons, Isaac Ball.
St. John's, Colleton—John Holmes.
Edisto Island—John R. Matthewes.
St. Luke's—William Heyward.
St. Burtholomew's—William Mason Smith, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, jun.
Trinity Church, Columbia—Major John S. Cogdell, William Lance.
St. Mark's, Clarendon—Col. James B. Richardson, Charles Richardson, Capt. John P. Richardson.
St. Mark's, Williamsburgh—Theodore Gourdine.
St. Mark's, Manchester—Capt. John Spann, Capt. John Moore.
St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Robert Smith, Alfred Huger.
St. James', Santee—James J. P. White.
North Santee, Winyaw—Elias Horry, Henry Deas.
All Saints, Waccamaw—The Hon. Benjamin Huger.
St. James's, Goose Creek—Barnard E. Bee.
Grace Church, Sullivan's Island—William Blamyer.
St. Paul's, Pendleton—Col. Thomas Pinckney.
St. James', Greenville—John Dawson.



The following Clergymen entitled to seats, did not attend the Convention:

The Rev. Albert A. Muller, Rector of Christ Church.
 The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector of St. Helena, St. Helena Island.
 The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector of St. Matthews.
 The Rev. George B. Andrews, officiating in St. Bartholomew's.
 The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Deacon, officiating in St. Luke's.



The Church in this Diocess, consists of, the Bishop, 21 Presbyters, and 7 Deacons; and 35 organized Congregations.

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OF THE PROCEEDINGS, &c.

Charleston, Wednesday, February 13th, 1822.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution, for a stated meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina, the Bishop with several of the Clergy, and Lay-Delegates, attended at St. Michael's Church, at half past 10 o'clock; when Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector of Prince George, Winyaw, and an appropriate discourse delivered by the Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church. The Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Milward Pogson, Rector of St. James', Goose Creek.

After the religious services were over, the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, took the Chair *ex-officio*. The Rev. Dr. Dalcho, Secretary.

The following Clergy attended, and the following Lay-Delegates presented Certificates of their appointment, which were read and approved; viz :

St. Michael's.—The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector, the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister; David Alexander, Robert J. Turnbull, Robert Hazlehurst, William Read, M. D. John Bay.

St. Philip's.—The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector, the Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister; Thomas Lowndes, Thomas W. Bacot, Col. Henry H. Bacot.

St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.—The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector.

Prince George, Winyaw.—The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector; Major Samuel Wragg, John Mann Taylor, B. F. Trapier.

St. John's, Berkley.—The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector; Keating Simons, Isaac Ball.

St. John's, Colleton.—The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon; John Holmes.

Edisto Island.—John R. Mathewes.

St. Bartholomew's.—William Mason Smith.

Trinity Church, Columbia.—The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector; Major John S. Cogdell.

St. Mark's, Clarendon.—The Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector; Col. James B. Richardson, Charles Richardson, Capt. John P. Richardson.

St. Mark's, Williamsburgh.—Theodore Gourdine.

St. Stephen's, Black Oak, and the Rocks.—The Rev. David I. Campbell, Deacon.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis.—Robert Smith, Alfred Huger.

St. James', Santee.—The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Deacon.

North Santee, Winyaw.—The Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, Deacon; Elias Horry, Henry Deas.

All Saints, Waccamaw.—The Rev. Henry Gibbes; the Hon. Benjamin Huger.

St. James', Goose Creek.—The Rev. Milward Pogson, Rector.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.—William Blamyer.

St. Paul's, Pendleton.—The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Deacon; Col. Thomas Pinckney.

St. James', Greenville.—The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Deacon; John Dawson.

A Quorum of the Churches being present, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer, by ballot, when it appeared that the Rev. Dr. Dalcho was re-elected.

A letter was read from the Vestry and Wardens of St. Mark's Church, Manchester, Sumter District, stating the Organization of their Church, in conformity with the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church; requesting to be recognized by the Bishop, and received by the Convention into union with their body.

Whereupon, it was on motion, *Resolved*, that the Church of St. Mark's, Manchester, be received into this Convention.

Capt. John Spann, and Capt. John Moore, presented certificates of their appointment as Lay-Delegates, from St. Mark's Church, Manchester, which being read, were approved, and they took their seats accordingly.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hanckell, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the Rev. Mr. Gibbes for his excellent and appropriate discourse, delivered before them this day.

On motion of the Hon. Benjamin Huger, *Resolved*, that any Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the city, and not entitled to seats, and the Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Allston Gibbes, *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to inquire and report, what unfinished business may be laying over from the last Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. Allston Gibbes, Major S. Wragg, and Henry Deas, were appointed a Committee accordingly.

Conformably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church," the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, delivered the following address :

My Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity,

IT has afforded great solace to the affliction, under which it has pleased God, that I should labour, during so large a portion of the year which has elapsed, since we last met each other here, that I have, in no period of it, been rendered entirely unable to discharge the duties appertaining to the relation, in which I am required, at present to address you. Indeed the divine goodness, which, in all periods of the infirmity

with which I have been visited, still enabled me to attend to almost every demand of Diocesan duty which occurred, claims my utmost gratitude.

Under circumstances which imperiously required it, I was absent during part of the summer, from the Diocese. A journey, however, in the prosecution of the main object of such absence, through the North Western extremity of the state, was made to me the happy occasion of fulfilling a duty, to which, engagements of a stronger claim, and more immediate urgency, had before put it out of my power to attend. I mean that of visiting congregations, which by the means of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, had been formed, in the Districts of Pendleton and Greenville. I found there the Society's Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Dickinson, who by appointment of each of the Congregations, has become the minister of both, faithfully performing the laborious duties of his station. At Pendleton, measures have been taken, towards the erection of a Church; a Sunday School has been instituted, and there is reason to hope, that the seed sown in a seemingly unfriendly soil, will spring up and flourish, to the divine glory, through that sound and wholesome edification of the people, which will manifest its influence in an ameliorated moral aspect of society.

Besides these places, I have visited officially, Trinity Church, Columbia; Claremont Church, Stateburg; St. Mark's, Clarendon; and St. Stephen's, Pineville. At these Churches, with the exception of that at Claremont, I administered confirmation. This rite was administered also at Pendleton. In St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon, the New Building, provided by the liberality of a few individuals, in lieu of the Parish Church, which was destroyed in the revolutionary war, and near its site, was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, according to the form and usage of our Church; and the Rev. J. W. Chanler, under whose faithful and useful ministry, partly as a Missionary of the Society, the Parish, within the last year and a half, had become reinstated in the enjoyment of divine worship, was admitted by me to the holy order of Priests: the Rev. Mr. Delevaux, of St. Matthew's Parish, and the Rev. Mr. Folker, of Columbia, being present and assisting me in both solemnities. It is highly grateful to me, to have it in my power to state also, that exertions made by the Rev. Mr. Chanler, to form a congregation in the village of Manchester, distant about fourteen miles from his Parish Church, have been so far successful, as that Vestrymen and Wardens have been elected at a meeting held for the purpose, who have regularly invited Mr. Chanler, to hold service as their minister, under suitable temporary arrangements. It is hoped that a place of worship, proper to the congregation thus formed, will not long be wanting.

No other Ordination has been held in this Diocese within the year.

Mr. Thomas H. Taylor, who was reported last year as a candidate for orders, was in November last, ordained a Deacon in Philadelphia, by virtue of letters dimissory from this Diocese.

Five persons have been received as candidates for Holy Orders, viz. Paul Trapier Keith, Francis Huger Rutledge, Mellish J. Motte, William P. Coffin, and Benj. Huger Flemming. These, together with some reported at prior Conventions, make the whole number of candidates at present belonging to the Diocese, to be seven.

Since the last Convention, the Church at Claremont, has unhappily become destitute of a minister; the Rev. Mr. Adams, who had so satisfactorily served it, having resigned the charge, and returned to the Diocese of New-York. Since the month of July last, divine service has been performed in that Church, by a candidate for orders, regularly licensed by me, to officiate for a season, as a Lay Reader. It has been painful to me, in an extreme degree, to be called since our last meeting, to record the removal from this Diocese, of the Rev. Mr. John B. Campbell. I have mourned with the Church, which he had served with much ability and faithfulness, the afflicting change of their condition; and am earnestly desirous of assisting, to some happy issue, exertions hitherto made by them, without success, to supply themselves with the offices of a stated ministry. The only other Church, which has become vacant in the course of the year, is that of St. Mark's, Williamsburgh: the Rev. Mr. Chanler, who had served that, in conjunction with St. Mark's, Clarendon, having found himself unable to continue his services, to congregations so widely separated.

The Rev. Mr. Anthon, whose services were discontinued at St. Barthomew's, in May last, has been followed in the same field of labour, by the Rev. Mr. Andrews of Connecticut.

Under a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South Carolina, placing sundry sums at my discretionary disposal for Missionary purposes, the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, a Deacon of this Diocese, was appointed by me, in the Spring of the last year, to officiate for a few weeks, in the vacant Churches of St. James' Parish, Santee. This has resulted in Mr. Mitchell's being invited by the Vestry of that Parish, to become its minister. Under the same provision of the Trustees of the same excellent Society, the Rev. Mr. Vanpelt of Pennsylvania, was in November last, appointed to a very short mission in St. Luke's Parish and the places adjacent. This mission has given place to an appointment of Mr. Vanpelt, by the Vestry of St. Luke's, to officiate there, until the summer. It is desirable that some more permanent engagement should be entered into, between himself and the members of our Church, in that part of the Diocese. The Rev. Mr. Taylor, mentioned above, as recently admitted to Deacon's Orders, having been appointed in conformity with the 13th Canon of the General Convention, to officiate at the Chapel, near North Santee Ferry, has been engaged by the proprietors of that Chapel, to serve them until the first Sunday in June.

The receiving of the new congregation of Manchester into the Convention, by their Delegates, reminds me again to suggest for your consideration, the importance of instituting some regular uniform mode of receiving Churches newly organized, into our Diocesan association. At the opening of the Convention of the last year, three congregations, as recently formed, claimed to be received by their Delegates, as members of this body. It was apprehended that one of them at least, had an existence, of a very frail and uncertain nature, and the apprehension then entertained, has been justified by the subsequent dissolution of the little manufacturing community of the South-Carolina Armory, of which it was composed, and the discontinuance of all public religious service there,

since the month of June last. And yet, a delegation from this Church, last year so called, being admitted to an equal participation with that of every other Church, in all the business of the Convention, might have decided by its vote, questions, in the estimation of some at least, who had engaged in their discussion, deeply interesting to the Church.

I would take occasion also, at present, to suggest for your consideration, whether it be not expedient to institute some rule, by which provision may be had, against receiving as members of this body, persons, not in any sense, members of the particular congregations or corporations, which they are appointed to represent. I am the less reluctant to make this suggestion, and am persuaded there will be less reluctance on your part, to act upon the subject to which it relates at present, in consequence of there being now, no members of the Convention, coming under the case in contemplation, who are not, so eminently beyond the reach of question, as to their fitness to be so, that it is impossible it should be supposed to be founded in objection to any individual instances of the species of representation referred to. Indeed, I am not aware of any instance, in which the practice alluded to, has hitherto been productive of evil, or led to the use of the privileges of membership of this Convention, in any degree injurious or offensive. Yet the error is so important, of demanding the sense of any congregation at a distance, at the mouth of persons, not only totally unconnected with them, and unacquainted with their sentiments and character; but even perhaps, already, under the influence of some local bias of association or vicinity, that it will perhaps appear to you proper to put it wholly away, while no circumstances exist, which can possibly involve any personal sensibilities, and before the evil, which it is calculated to produce, shall urgently require, whether personal feelings are affected by the measure or not, the institution of some effectual preventive of its increasing prevalence.

A special Meeting of the General Convention having been held within the year, it may be proper to advert to the object of that meeting. By the last will and testament of the late Jacob Sherred, Esq. of New-York, it appeared that he had, in the fulness of his love for the Church, of which, until an advanced period of life, he had been a pious and exemplary member, bequeathed to it a large residuary estate, for the purposes of education for its ministry. A question of right, having been raised, on the seemingly dubious terms of the clause of the will, containing this bequest, between the General Seminary placed by the General Convention at New-Haven, and the Diocesan Seminary of New-York, it appeared, to a majority of those to whom, according to the Canons, the power of calling special meetings of the General Convention is committed, expedient that a meeting should be called, for the purpose of adopting some measures, which might tend to the harmonious adjustment of conflicting claims ; and put away, as speedily as possible, the obstacle which their existence had created, in the way of the sufficiently active progress of the design of either of the institutions, to its completion. The result has been most happy and honourable for the Church. The Bishop and the delegation of the Church in New-York, both Clerical and Lay, met the question of the right of that Diocese, to the exclusive enjoyment of

Mr. Sherred's bounty, with a spirit of kindness and conciliation, which soon brought it to issue in a compromise, by which, on condition of the removal of the General Seminary from New-Haven to New-York, the property bequeathed, becomes appropriated wholly to *its* objects; and the State Seminary of New-York, becoming merged in it, the funds of that institution, with all their promise of abundance, are thrown into the Treasury of the General Convention's Seminary. This happy arrangement being made, the General Seminary will immediately go into operation, in the city of New-York, and a branch of it be settled at Geneva, in the same state, with well qualified professors, devoted to the objects of their appointment, under circumstances, admitting, of a very inadequate compensation of their labours, but with a zeal, which, for the present, at least, throws this into the scale of minor considerations. The friends of the Church, solicitous for her honour, must rejoice in the auspicious aspect, which the great interest of education for its ministry, has now assumed: and no member of it, will be indifferent to the claim which is preferred, for his assistance, in carrying the object into complete effect. The means already possessed, you must be aware, are but the foundation, (the whole fund of the Seminary not amounting as yet, to as much as was given by one individual, towards the endowment of the Independents' Theological Seminary, at Andover) on which a superstructure remains to be reared, by means of contributions from the members of our Church, in every part of the Union. It is true, that the calls on their beneficence, are numerous and frequent; but are they all of a character, which gives them a reasonable claim to the compliance which they in general so indiscriminately meet with?

My brethren, this interrogatory is suggested by that seemingly inconsiderate habit of giving, which too little attentive to the nature of claims preferred, gives alike to all, and thus, too little, to that, which on consideration might be felt, most consistently, to demand our concern. Let me earnestly entreat, that I may not be thought to imagine myself possessed of any authority here, to dictate or direct the disposal of your religious munificence. Let me, however, be permitted to speak at the same time, the deep sense I entertain of the duty, which appertains to me in this place, to suggest and advise, whatever may seem to me needful for the welfare and honour of the Church, whose interests are made by the peculiar nature of my ministry, my most anxious care. It is under this impression of duty, that in the spirit of affection and respect, I would beseech my Brethren, to lay seriously to heart, the necessities of *their own Church*; and by a seasonable discrimination and reserve in favour of them, endeavour to place this Church, on a footing of some comparative advantage with others, rendered by the constant liberality and persevering zeal of *their* members, eminently prosperous. It is the glory of the Lord, in the diffusion of sound Christianity, with all its salutary influences upon the spiritual, moral, and even temporal state and character of men, that we are mainly to consult, in our munificence, with respect to religious purposes and institutions; and it surely is incumbent on us to exercise it, under the control of some well digested persuasion of our own minds, as to what is useful, good and true.

Permit me to avail myself of this opportunity of addressing myself generally to those, to whom, in the Diocesan capacity, I stand related, to recommend to their adoption, some means of having religious intelligence, and other matter proper to a religious periodical publication, conveyed to them in some work of this description, proceeding on the principles of their own persuasion, and conformable to their own religious views and feelings. There is always much, relating to the interests and operations of our own Communion, which we cannot expect to find, except in works of this sort, conducted under the hands of members of our own household of faith. That some such publication locally adapted, should be set on foot in this city, is much to be desired. In the hope that such a task justly, in its right execution, considered an arduous one, will ere long be undertaken, I feel it to be consistent with my duty to mention, as, in the mean time, worthy of your encouragement and use, the Gospel Advocate, edited in a spirit of Evangelical piety, and with great ability, at Boston, and the Christian Journal, edited at New-York. This last must become more and more interesting and useful, in consequence of its being published amidst the faculty and students of our Seminary.

My brethren, in bringing this address to a close, I cannot but ask you to join me in the indulgence of grateful emotion towards him "who is head over all-things to his Church," in that, notwithstanding some discouragement from circumstances too obvious to require to be mentioned, the condition of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this portion of it, is evidently on the whole, still progressively improving. Although, as has been reported to you, some important stations of our ministry are at present unoccupied, and although we are in want of Ministers for some scenes of Missionary service, which the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, is desirous to provide with it, yet the number of places now stately supplied by us with the offices and ordinances of the Lord's house, in this state, is greater than at any one period since it was originally settled by Christian people. It is a circumstance, too, well calculated to affect me as an elder brother, with emotions not easily expressed, that while in most instances our Churches are supplied with Ministers stately serving them, there is no instance, within my knowledge, in which the duties of their ministry are not performed with faithfulness. I see, indeed, my Brethren of the Clergy, who I trust are by this time, well enough secured by their acquaintance with me, against any suspicion of my using either to them, or concerning them, any words of flattery, occupied in many instances, amidst much danger, inseparable, in some seasons, from the peculiar character of our climate; I see them in these circumstances, as well as often amidst much privation as to the comforts and accommodations of life, with cheerful patience and assiduity, endeavouring to fulfil their sacred obligations; anxious, mainly, that their people should "*take no hurt or hindrance by reason of their negligence.*" Can I, then, forbear affectionately to urge upon my Brethren of the Laity, the claim which their Ministers so reasonably, nay which they religiously have (for it is in the Lord's word that it is founded) to be encouraged and strengthened in their work, by the confidence and kindness of those to whom they minister, their acquiescence in their pas-

toral counsel, and that due provision for the comfortable subsistence of themselves and their families, without which, their case, temporally considered, is, almost of all men's, the most miserable.

I will detain you from the business of the Convention, no longer than until I have again expressed to my Brethren of the Clergy, my earnest desire, that, wherever it is not found, as the result of much endeavour, utterly impracticable, Sunday Schools should be instituted by them, having for their object chiefly, the *Christian instruction* of the poor, and the lowly in condition (whatever be their colour) and their children. Schools of this description, under the conduct of able pious superintendents, assisted by many young members of the congregations, continue to flourish at St. Philip's, St. Paul's, and St. Michael's Churches, in this city. That at Columbia is in a condition which reflects great honour on the present Rector of the Church there, as well as on his predecessor who instituted it, and the pious and benevolent members of the congregation who have so zealously co-operated with them both. The Rector of St. John's, Berkley, cheerfully perseveres in the course of Catechetical instruction on Sundays, of which report was made to you at the two last Conventions. Efforts, I am aware, have been made in other places, and are still progressive, of which I am not, at present, in possession of the particulars.

May the blessing of God rest upon your proceedings, making his glory in the honour and prosperity of his Church, both spiritually and temporally, the only actuating principle of them, and bringing them to a close in that love, which is the "very bond of peace and of all virtues, and without which all our doings are nothing worth."

NATHANIEL BOWEN.

The Rev. Mr. Hanckell submitted the following Resolutions :

Resolved, that the Clergy of the several Churches in the Diocese, do read the Bishop's address to their congregations, for general information.

Resolved, that so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Theological Seminary, be referred to a Committee of Three.

Resolved, that so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Admission of Churches into the Convention, be referred to a Committee of Three.

Resolved, that so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the publication of a Theological Paper, to be edited under the auspices of the Church, be referred to a Committee of Three.

It was moved by Mr. Lowndes, to amend these Resolutions by adding the following preamble :

"The Convention, as representatives of the Church in South-Carolina, do render to their Bishop their grateful and affectionate thanks for his address delivered at this time, and for his continued, unremitting, and expensive endeavours to extend the principles of the Gospel, and to revive the zeal of its professors."

The question being taken on the amendment, it was unanimously agreed to.

It was then moved by Major Wragg, to amend the Resolutions by striking out all that follows the word, "Resolved," in the 2nd Resolution, and inserting the following :

Resolved, that the subject-matter recommended in the President's Address, be referred to a Committee of Five.

The question being taken, it was lost.

The question was then taken on each of the Resolutions, and severally agreed to.

Whereupon, the President appointed the following Committees :

On the 2nd Resolution—The Rev. Mr. Hanckell, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Hon. Benjamin Huger.

On the 3rd Resolution—Elias Horry, John M. Taylor, and Col. Pinckney.

On the 4th Resolution—The Rev. A. Gibbes, Robert J. Turnbull, Rev. Dr. Dalcho.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, *Resolved*, that the President do appoint two Clergymen to preach at the opening of the next Convention; one to officiate in case of the other's failure. Whereupon, the President appointed, the Rev. M. H. Lance, and the Rev. Joseph M. Gilbert.

On motion of the Secretary, *Resolved*, that the President do appoint Delegates, to represent the Church in this Diocess in the next General Convention. Whereupon, the President appointed,

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D.	Col. Lewis Morris,
The Rev. Christian Hanckell,	William Heyward,
The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy,	Robert J. Turnbull,
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance,	Hon. Benj. Huger.

The Rev. Dr. Dalcho, Secretary of the Standing Committee, read the proceedings of that body for the last year.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the President do appoint the Standing Committee, for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, the President appointed ;

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D.	David Alexander,
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais,	Joseph Johnson, M. D.
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D.	Keating Simons,
The Rev. Allston Gibbes,	John Dawson,
The Rev. Christian Hanckell,	Major Samuel Wragg.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow, at half past 10 o'clock.

Thursday, February 14th, 1822.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment. Morning Service was performed by the Rev. P. H. Folker, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The following Delegates attended, and presented certificates of their appointment, which were severally read and approved; viz. the Rev. Paul T. Gervais, from St. John's, Colleton; Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, jun. from St. Bartholomew's; Barnard E. Bee, from St. James', Goose Creek; James J. P. White, from St. James' Santee; William

Lance, from Trinity Church, Columbia; Edward P. Simons, from St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.

The following Report of the Protestant Episcopal Society was read:

"The Board of Trustees of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," respectfully lay before the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, a General Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the *Bishop's Permanent Fund*, since Feb. 5, 1821, of which the following is a summary:

There was a Balance in hand, as reported to the last

Convention, of	- - - - -	\$11 73
Collected since last Report from Members of St.	- - - - -	
Philip's congregation,	- - - - -	110 00
Received of St. John's Church, Colleton, as an An-	- - - - -	
nual Subscription,	- - - - -	50 00
Interest received since Feb. 5, 1821,	- - - - -	281 75
Cash due to the Bishop's Common Fund for Stock	- - - - -	
bought,	- - - - -	426 83
		<hr/>
		\$880 31

Laid out in Stock, - - - - - \$669.

Paid to the Bishop's Common Fund, 3-4ths of the

Interest received per Resolution of Convention,

Feb. 20, 1818, - - - - - \$211 31 \$880 31

"The Board of Trustees further Report that, collections in aid of the *Bishop's Common Fund*, have been made in St. Philip's, St. Michael's, St. Paul's, and in Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, amounting to \$389 30

Subscriptions received from St. John's, Berkley,

amounting to - - - - - 80 00

And 3-4ths of the Interest received from the

Bishop's Permanent Fund, - - - - - 211 31

Received for the Bishop's Common Fund,

\$680 61

Amount of the Permanent Fund, \$8212 17

The Book containing the Account of the Trustees, for the foregoing Funds, is laid upon the Secretary's Table for the inspection of the Members of the Convention.

Charleston, Feb. 4, 1822.

(Signed) In behalf of the Board,

NATHANIEL BOWEN,
President of the Society for the Advancement
of Christianity in So. Carolina."

N. B. Since the above Account was closed, there has been received for the Bishop's Common Fund, \$250 from St. Philip's Church; and a donation of \$150, from the Hon. Benjamin Huger, to the Permanent Fund.

The Secretary made the following Report :

The Secretary of the Convention respectfully Reports :

That in conformity with a Resolution of the 17th February last, he addressed a Circular Letter to the Vestries of the several Churches and Parishes in the Diocese, requesting their attention to the Resolution, relating to the Bishop's Fund, therein enclosed. Answers have been received from the Church on Edisto Island; St John's, Berkley; St. James', Goose Creek; St. John's, Colleton, and St. Philip's Church in this city.

The Church on Edisto Island have directed their Treasurer to pay \$50 per ann. "as long as the Church may find it convenient to do so." The particular fund for which the appropriation is made, is not specified.

From St. John's, Berkley, no written communication has been received; but the Rev. Mr. Tschudy has paid \$80, in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund, being the first of five annual subscriptions, of some zealous members of his Church.

The Chairman of the Vestry of St. James', Goose Creek, states in his answer, that "their Church is in the lowest stage of poverty and depression; that their Rector officiates without compensation; and that it is hopeless to resort to any of the modes of contribution proposed," in aid of the Bishop's Fund.

St. John's Church, Colleton, have Resolved, "that \$50 be annually paid out of the funds of that Church, towards the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund." They have likewise requested the Minister of their Parish to preach a Sermon annually, in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund.

No written answer has been received from St. Philip's Church, but their Treasurer has paid \$250, being an appropriation to the Bishop's Common Fund.

The Secretary likewise Reports, that a Circular Letter was sent to the Clergy in the Diocese, having Parochial Cures, requesting them to Preach Sermons in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund, pursuant to Resolutions of the Convention, passed Feb. 20, 1818 and Feb. 17, 1821.

Sermons have accordingly been preached, and collections made, in St. Philip's, St. Michael's, and St. Paul's Churches, in this city, and Grace Church, Sullivan's Island. St. John's, Berkley, as before stated, have substituted an Annual Subscription in lieu of a Sermon and collection.

The Letters received by the Secretary, accompany this Report.

February 13, 1822.

On motion of the Hon. Benjamin Huger, *Resolved*, that the foregoing Reports be referred to a Committee of five. Whereupon, the President appointed, the Hon. Benjamin Huger, David Alexander, John M. Taylor, Major Samuel Wragg, and the Secretary.

The following Parochial Reports, required by the 45th Canon of the General Convention, were presented by the Clergy and read; viz:

St. Michael's Church, Charleston.

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector.

The Rev. Frederick Dalcho. M. D. Assistant Minister.

Marriages 14 Whites, and 5 Coloured Persons. Total 19.

Baptisms, White Infants, 42; Coloured Adults, 7; Coloured Infants, 9.
Total 58.

Burials, 27.

Communicants, 353 whites ; 120 Coloured Persons. Total 473.

The Sunday School established in this Church in Nov. 1819, is in a flourishing condition. There are 16 Teachers, and 72 Children, mostly belonging to the congregation. Through the kindness of the Vestry, pews have been provided for the children of the poor, and many now enjoy the advantages of public worship. Several classes of these interesting subjects of Christian benevolence, have been formed ; and some of them have been placed in the public secular schools. There are likewise about 30 children of colour, instructed under the immediate eye of the Ministers of the Church.

St. Philip's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector.

The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms ; Adults 5 ; Infants 69. Total 74.

Marriages, 25. Burials, 71.

Communicants, about 340 White Persons, 190 Persons of Colour.
Total 530.

The Sunday School is, we trust, in a state of progressive improvement. There has been introduced into it, within the year, among the more advanced pupils, the study of Porteus' Evidences of Christianity. The remarkable continuation of inclement weather during this winter, has occasioned the School to appear less flourishing than it was during the preceding autumn and summer, but we have no reason to believe, that there has been any relaxation in the zeal of the teachers who have meritoriously engaged in this good work, or in that of the parents, guardians and scholars, to whom we must also look, under God, for its complete success.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector.

Baptisms, Adult, 1 ; Children 34. Total 35.

Marriages, 4. Burials, 12.

Communicants, Whites, 184 ; Blacks, 6. Total 190.

The Sunday School connected with this Church, is in a prosperous and improving condition. The number of pupils now in it is 65, and the Vestry have appropriated pews for the accommodation of such of them as are not otherwise provided for.

Prince George's, Winyaw.

The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector.

Baptisms, 12. Marriages, 7. Burials, 6.

Communicants, about 70; four having removed, and 2 died since the last meeting of the Convention.

St. John's, Berkley.

The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector.

Baptisms, 1 white child, 20 adults of colour, 1 child of colour. Total 22.

Marriages 1. Burials, 4.

Communicants, 41 whites, and 18 persons of colour. Total 59. To the white communicants, 3 have been added, and 3 have removed from the Parish. Three communicants have been added to the list of persons of colour.

In reporting once more on the instruction of the people of colour, I cannot forbear stating a fact, which to every unprejudiced mind must tend to recommend this labour of love. Among those, whom I have instructed and afterwards baptised, are two men, who from their frequent intoxication, (nay, habitual drunkenness) had become almost useless to their owners, but who, since they have joined the church, have completely reformed, and are valuable to their masters. One has been a communicant upwards of three years, and within that period has never been known to be intoxicated once, though entrusted with a responsible office on the plantation, where he would not fail to be observed, yet where opportunities for indulgence would not be wanting; he therefore has given sufficient proof of his reformation. The other became a member of the church through baptism last May; and although he has not undergone the same length of trial, yet he lately gave a strong manifestation of the sincerity of his profession, by manfully resisting an inveterate habit, when opportunity threw temptation in his way; he has likewise regained the good-will and approbation of his master. I have selected these instances in particular, as affording good evidence of the efficacy of religious instruction to this description of people; habitual drunkenness being of all vices the most difficult to be cured.

St. John's, Colleton.

The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon.

Baptisms, 4. Marriages, 1. Communicants 16 whites and 2 blacks.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector.

Marriages 3. Burials 8. Communicants 42; seven added and two dead. Sunday School, 114 children, 54 of whom were added during the last year.

St. Matthew's.

The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector.

Marriages, 2. Baptisms, 9. Burials, 9.

Communicants, 17. Two have removed, and 2 died.

This Report was forwarded to the Convention.

St. Mark's, Clarendon.

The Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector.

Baptisms, 10. Burials, 2. Communicants, 5.

St. Mark's, Manchester.

The Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector.

Baptisms, 2. Burials, 2.

St. Stephen's, Black Oak and the Rocks.

The Rev. David I. Campbell, Deacon.

Baptisms, 8. Marriages, 6. Burials, 7.

Communicants, from 20 to 30.

St. Bartholomew's.

The Rev. David I. Campbell, Visitor.

Baptisms, 8. Burials, 2.

St. James', Santee.

The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Deacon.

Baptisms, 4.

Christ Church.

The Rev. Albert A. Muller, Rector.

Marriages, 1. Baptisms, 5. Burials, 3.

Communicants, 16 whites; 27 Blacks. Total 43.

This Report was forwarded to the Convention.

St. James', Goose Creek.

The Rev. Milward Pogson, Rector.

Baptisms, 1. Marriages, 3.

All-Saints, Waccamaw.

The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Deacon.

Baptisms, 1. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.

Communicants, 20 whites, and 15 blacks. Total 35.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.

The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Deacon,
Officiating last Summer.

Baptisms, 3. Marriages, 2. Communicants, 20.

St. Paul's, Pendleton.

The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Deacon.
Baptisms, 2. Marriages, 1.

St. James', Greenville.

The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Deacon.
Baptisms, 2.

Edisto Island.

The Rev. Joseph M. Gilbert, Rector.
Marriages, 1. Baptisms, 8.
Communicants, 24 whites, and 7 coloured persons. Total 31.

St Helena, St Helena Island.

The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector.
Marriages, 5. Baptisms, 5. Burials, 5.
Communicants, 14.

This Report was forwarded to the Convention.

Hilton Head.

The Rev. Philip Mathews, Visitor.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
This Report was forwarded to the Convention.

A receipt of Mr. A. E. Miller for printing papers for the Bishop's Fund was presented, the same having been paid by the Rev. Mr. Muller; whereupon it was Resolved, that the sum be refunded to the Rev. Mr. Muller, by the Treasurer of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," having the charge of the Bishop's Fund.

The Rev. Allston Gibbes from the Committee on unfinished business, made the following Report :

That they find the following subjects to be embraced within the scope of the duty committed to them :

1. "The Rev. Mr. Gibbes submitted the following Canon to the consideration of the Convention : Any Church or Churches newly organiz-

ed within this Diocese, or not previously represented in this Convention, may send Delegates to the same, on their transmitting sufficient evidence of the due organization of the said Church or Churches, in conformity with the Doctrine, Rites and Polity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States."

2. "Mr. C. C. Pinckney, jun. laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution, for consideration at the next Convention.

"In the 10th Article, the words "Standing Committee," wherever the word "Convention" occurs; and instead of "such Clergyman shall be censured, suspended, or degraded," insert, "such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty, or not guilty, as the Standing Committee shall determine;" and strike out the words, "in case of degradation," so that it will read, "the Bishop shall pronounce sentence, whether it be censure, suspension or degradation." &c."

3. "Mr. Brisbane laid on the table, the following amendment to the Constitution for consideration at the next Convention : To strike out the 9th Article, and insert in its place ;

"In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, the members shall vote individually : But any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, shall have it in their power to require a separate vote of each Order, in which case the Clergymen shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen employed in the same Church having but one vote,) and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (the majority of each delegation having but one vote,) the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention."

4. "The Rev. Dr. Gadsden laid on the table, the following new article to the Constitution, for the consideration of the next Convention :

"Delegates shall be elected by the several Episcopal Churches, throughout the Diocese, from among the members of each Church respectively."

5. "It was moved by Mr. Brisbane, "that it is inexpedient to continue the practice of returning thanks for Sermons, preached before the Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, and requesting copies for publication." The further consideration of this motion was postponed."

All which is respectfully submitted.

A Special Committee having been yesterday appointed on the subject of the first Section reported, the second Section was, on motion, taken into consideration.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Gervais, to divide the Section after the word "occurs," and to take the question upon the first proposed amendment, substituting the words *Standing Committee*, for *Convention*. The motion being agreed to, the question was taken on Mr. Pinckney's amendment, and lost, as follows.:

AYES.

St. Philip's.
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.
St. Bartholomew's.
St. James', Greenville—4.

Divided.

All Saints, Waccamaw.

NOES.

St. Michael's.
Prince George, Winyaw.
St. John's, Berkley.
St. John's, Colleton.
Trinity Church, Columbia.
St. Mark's, Clarendon.
St. Mark's, Williamsburgh.
St. Mark's, Manchester.
St. Stephen's, Black Oak and the
Rocks.
St. Thomas and St. Dennis.
St. James', Santee,
North Santee, Winyaw.
St. James', Goose-Creek.
Grace Church.
St. Paul's, Pendleton—15.

The second part of Mr. Pinckney's amendment being taken up, it was moved by Major Wragg, to postpone its further consideration to the next Convention.

The question being taken by Churches, it was lost.

It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, to postpone the further consideration of the subject until to-morrow. The question being taken by Churches, it was carried.

The third Section of the Report being taken into consideration, it was moved by Major Wragg, that it be postponed. The question being taken, it was carried.

The fourth Section was then taken up, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Huger, was referred to the Committee, to whom was referred "so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the admission of Churches into the Convention."

The fifth Section was then taken into consideration, when it was determined, that as it was not called up by the last Convention, it was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of the Rev. A. Gibbes, Resolved, that the 1st Section reported by the Committee on unfinished business, be referred to the Committee, to whom was referred "so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the admission of Churches into the Convention."

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Huger, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

Friday, February 15th, 1822.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment. Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, Minister of North Santee, Winyaw.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The following Lay-Delegates attended ; their certificates being read and approved : Joseph Johnson, M. D. from St. Philip's ; Benjamin Fuller, from St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.

The Rev. Paul T. Gervais submitted to the consideration of the Convention, the following Rules of Order :

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with the Morning Service of the Church.
2. When the President shall take the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.
3. The delegation of each Church, shall occupy one pew.
4. No member shall absent himself from the Convention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
5. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate.
7. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgement of the Convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Churches present.
8. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across, the Church.
9. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless it be moved by the Delegates of one Church, and seconded by the Delegates of another.
10. When any question is before the Convention, it shall be determined on, before any new subject is introduced, except the question for adjournment.
11. The question on a motion for adjournment, shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
12. When the Convention is to adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the Chair.

Ordered to be inserted on the Journals of the Convention.

Mr. Horry, from the Committee to whom was referred "so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the admission of Churches into the Convention," made the following Report :

That by reference to the Journal of the last Convention, they find that the Rev. Mr. Gibbes submitted to that body, a Canon on the subject ; which on motion was ordered to lie on the table. They beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Convention, a Canon in the following form :

Whenever a Church, or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, stating the due organi-

zation of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocess, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop shall communicate the same to the Convention, for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favorable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church of this Diocess, and Delegates therefrom may be immediately received.

On the subject respecting "Delegates," which has also been referred to your Committee, they report:

That at the last Convention, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden laid on the table, the following, as a new article of the Constitution, and for the consideration of this Convention :

"Delegates shall be elected by the several Episcopal Churches throughout the Diocess, from among the members of each Church respectively." Your Committee are of opinion, that such a regulation would be attended with very beneficial consequences, could it be effected; because the concerns of each Church could then be better detailed, and stated to this Convention; but the regulation could not be always practicable, and in some instances could not be effected, on account of the great distance of some of the Churches from the seat of the Convention. Your Committee would therefore recommend as a substitute for the proposed new Article of the Constitution, the following Resolution :

Resolved, That as it is the opinion of this Convention, that the election of Delegates to represent the Churches of this Diocess from the members of each Church respectively, would be attended with very beneficial consequences, it be recommended to all the Churches in this Diocess, whenever practicable, to elect from their respective members, their Delegates to this Convention.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. Benjamin Huger, from the Committee to whom was referred the state of the Bishop's Fund, and various documents connected therewith, made the following report :

That after due consideration, and much reflection, they are sorry to acknowledge their inability to devise any further, or more efficient, means of promoting the success, of either the Bishop's Permanent or Common Funds, than those recommended by a Committee of the last Convention, and unanimously agreed to by that Convention. Although the measures then proposed, and adopted, may not have entirely answered the hopes and expectations of those who suggested them, the Committee are happy to observe, that they have not been altogether unavailing. Whilst a small, but gradual increase of the Permanent Fund, has taken place, during the year, the contributions to the Common Fund have advanced nearly, it would seem, to \$1000. And could the "Protestant Epis-

pal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina,¹² feel themselves authorized, and be induced to contribute five or six hundred dollars to this last Fund, we should probably attain in part, the very desirable object embraced in one of the Resolutions of the last Convention, and be enabled to appropriate the whole of the interest of the Permanent Fund, exclusively to the augmentation of the capital of that Fund.

In this hope, and under this, if not perfectly satisfactory, yet consolatory view of the state of the Bishop's Fund, the Committee beg leave to direct the attention of the Convention to the Report of the Committee of the last Convention, on the same subject, and to recommend, that the present Convention adopt the Resolutions then proposed and agreed to, except, that the language of the first Resolution be so far altered, as to render it the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, *only* to address those Churches, whose Vestries have not given any, or satisfactory answers to his former Circular.

1. “*Resolved*, that, (it being of essential importance to obtain *distinctly* the opinion of the several Episcopal Churches throughout the Diocese, and ascertain their disposition to contribute, in one way or other, both to the present and permanent support of the Bishop's Fund,) the Secretary of the Convention do, at an early period, address the Vestry of each Church, earnestly requesting of them, to obtain and communicate the sense and disposition of their several Congregations on the subject, and proposing to them—to contribute; by a percentage on the State tax of each individual—by a per centage on the Income of each respective Church—by a small, but specific sum, to be paid by each Individual—or, by any other preferable mode—towards the support of the Bishop's Fund.

2. “*Resolved*, that the Convention renew, and specially recommend, the Resolutions heretofore adopted by their predecessors; requiring that once in each and every year, at some suitable and convenient time, and favourable occasion, a Sermon be preached in every Church in this Diocese, in aid of the support of a Bishop, until the Bishop's Fund shall be adequate thereto; and that the sums collected be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society, and be applicable to the immediate support of a Bishop.

3. “*Resolved*, that in the opinion of this Convention, it is highly just, proper, becoming and desirable, that St. Michael's Church should be aided and relieved from the unequal burden, to which they have been subjected, of almost exclusively supporting, and enabling the Bishop to bestow his Pastoral attention to the different Congregations of his Diocese.

4. “*Resolved*, further, therefore, as nothing under God, is likely to tend more to the advancement and success of the Church, than that the Head of it, should be authorized and enabled to devote, at least a portion of his time, to its general concerns and interest, and to foster, encourage and excite, by frequent and alternate visits, the several Congregations of this Diocese: That it be the duty of the Standing Com-

mittee to make application to, and respectfully, but urgently request, on the part of this Convention, the assistance of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," (whose funds flow in a greater or less degree from the whole body of the members of the Church,) in promoting this desirable and all-important object.

5. "*Resolved*, that this Convention duly appreciate, and highly approve, the liberal and truly christian example, afforded by the Vestry and Wardens of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, and they sincerely hope that such an example will produce the most beneficial effects.

6. "*Resolved*, whenever from any other source or sources, a sum not exceeding 1500 dollars, can be otherwise raised to meet the additional expenses of the current year, occasioned to any particular Church, by the circumstance of the Rector thereof, being the Bishop, *Locum tenens*, that the whole of the principal and interest of any sums heretofore, or which may hereafter be, subscribed towards the Bishop's Fund, be exclusively appropriated to the increase of the Permanent Fund."

The Committee beg leave further to recommend the following, to be adopted as one of the Canons of the Church :

Every Minister having a parochial charge in this Diocess, shall, at such time as he may deem proper, preach, annually, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office ; and at such time, the Vestries of the Churches in which such Sermons shall be preached, are requested to make a collection in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Delegates from such Church may substitute an annual subscription.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Rev. Mr. Gibbes, from the Committee to whom was referred the consideration of that part of the President's Address, which relates to the establishment of a periodical religious Paper, under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this state, made the following Report :

That they do not deem it practicable, or expedient, at the present time, to effect the object recommended ; and that it appears to them, the chief purposes of utility, designed to be answered by the establishment of such a Paper as is proposed, may be obtained through the medium of Journals of a similar character, already published, in different parts of the United States ; and they therefore respectfully offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that it be recommended to the Members of this Convention, and of the Episcopal Church in this state, to extend their patronage and support, to the *Gospel Advocate* published monthly in Boston, and the *Christian Journal* published monthly in New-York, at the rate of two dollars each, per annum, and to make those Journals the vehicle of any communications they may deem it advisable to make, relative to the concerns of the Episcopal Church in this state, or the United States, or the interests of religion in general.

Ordered to lie on the table.

All which is respectfully submitted,

The Hon. Mr. Huger, from the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Theological Seminary, made the following Report :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address, as relates to the Theological Seminary, respectfully Report :

That they cordially unite with the Bishop in grateful and respectful remembrance of the late Mr. Sherred of New-York, whose munificent bequest has indelibly inscribed his name on our Theological Seminary, and erected for himself an imperishable monument in the hearts of all the members of our Church. The amount of this bequest cannot at present be accurately ascertained, but at its highest estimate, with the addition of the collections hitherto made, it would not produce a sum equal to one-third of the endowment necessary for such an institution as is contemplated by the Church, an institution adequate to her necessities, and equally respectable with the institutions of a similar nature, founded by other denominations of Christians in our country. Your Committee, therefore, feel the force of the intimation from the Bishop, that if something has been done, much remains to be done. If a good foundation has been laid, the superstructure is yet to be reared. The beginning is auspicious, but the work is yet to be forwarded, and brought to a condition of stability. It may be added, that the pious and benevolent design of those who have contributed, will be in a great measure frustrated, unless they are seconded by large donations from the wealthy, or by an united effort of all the friends of the cause. In the latter case, though each contribution may be small, the aggregate will be considerable.

Your Committee, in common with the Bishop, have a heartfelt satisfaction in the recollection, that the business which occasioned the late special meeting of the General Convention was so happily adjusted, and they hail this result, as it promises prosperity to the Seminary, and must remove all reasonable doubts, (if indeed any could have been entertained) of its ultimate success, but chiefly as an evidence of that conciliatory spirit, which they trust will ever distinguish our Church, both in the intercourse of her members with each other, and in their conduct towards those of their Christian brethren, with whom they differ on some points of faith and worship.

On recurring to the journals, both of the General and the Diocesan Conventions, the Committee find that the proposal for the establishment of a General Theological Seminary originated in this Convention ; that they recommended it to the attention of the respective Dioceses in their individual capacity ; and also, on repeated occasions, to the supreme council of the Church ; that since the year 1814, every succeeding Convention has expressed an unanimous sentiment in favour of this measure, and that at the last Convention, the subject being impressively suggested, by the Address of the Bishop, they passed, among other resolutions, a declaration, as representatives of the Diocess, that they would contribute their full proportion towards the endowment of the said Seminary. Your Committee, therefore, cannot doubt, that the present Convention will feel an increased zeal in favour of this long cherished purpose, in consequence of the encouragement derived from recent

events, and they trust, that as this is the first Diocesan Convention, which has occurred since the meeting of the Special General Convention, our example may be such as to produce a salutary excitement in other Dioceses. They trust, moreover, that the members of our Church throughout this Diocess, will not be insensible to the example of their brethren at the North, and in North-Carolina, and in turn become an example to others of a more than accustomed zeal and liberality.

Your Committee deem it not irrelevant to express a hope, that the seasonable remarks of the Bishop on the obligation, and the peculiar necessity at this time (when so many and various objects of beneficence are proposed) of a discriminating charity, will lead to the inquiry, whether there be any purpose connected with the welfare of our Church, which can present so many motives to the pious and benevolent as the Theological Seminary. The education of candidates for the Ministry, and their multiplication, which will be the natural consequence of increased and gratuitous means for their education, must be at the foundation of all the measures which can be adopted for the protection, and the propagation of our sound faith and rational worship.

To call forth the resources of this Diocess, in aid of the present purpose, your Committee recommend :

1st. That each Minister with the concurrence of his Vestry, be requested to preach within the year in his own congregation, and also, in such vacant congregations, with the concurrence of their respective Vestries, as he may find it convenient to visit, a discourse setting forth the views of the Church in relation to this subject, and the necessity of an united and liberal effort on the part of his hearers, to be followed by a collection, the amount of which shall be transmitted to the Standing Committee, to be by them forwarded to the Treasury of the General Theological Seminary.

2d. That the members of this Convention individually, will welcome and aid in his arduous undertaking, the agent of the Trustees of the Seminary, who is expected here for the purpose of making collections.

3d. That the Bishop be respectfully requested to prepare an address, inviting zeal and liberality to the aid of this interesting enterprize, which address shall be printed with the journal, circulated on a separate sheet extensively, and read in the several Churches on some Sunday preceding the delivery of the discourse for the benefit of the Seminary.

4th. That the Standing Committee be instructed to carry into effect these Resolutions, and to report the result to the next Convention.

In concluding, your Committee trust that the length of this report, will find an ample apology in the importance of the subject, and in the circumstance, that this Diocess, has assumed in relation to it, a large share of responsibility.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the second part of Mr. Pinckney's Amendment, which is in these words; "and instead of, such Clergyman shall be censured, suspended, or degraded,"

insert "such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty, or not guilty, as the Standing Committee shall determine;" and strike out the words, "in case of the degradation," so that it will read, "the Bishop shall pronounce sentence, whether it be censure, suspension or degradation," &c.

The word "Convention" being substituted for the words "Standing Committee," conformably to the decision of the Convention yesterday; it was moved by Mr. Turnbull, to amend the Amendment, by striking out all from the word "determine," to the end of the paragraph, and inserting the following, "and the Bishop shall proceed to admonish, censure, suspend, or degrade such Clergyman as, in his judgement, the nature of the case, or the usages, or interests, of the Church may require."

The question being taken on the Amendment so amended, it was carried.

It was then moved by Col. Pinckney, further to amend the 10th Article of the Constitution, by striking out the word, "request," and insert, "inform."

The question being taken on this amendment, it was carried; and the phraseology of the latter part of the Article adapted to the amendment.

It was then moved, by the Rev. A. Gibbes, further to amend the Article, by striking out, "in the name of the Convention." After some discussion, this motion was withdrawn.

The question was then taken, by Churches, on the 10th Article thus amended, and carried, as follows:

AYES.

St. Michael's.
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.
Prince George, Winyaw.
St. John's, Berkley.
St. John's, Colleton.
St. Bartholomew's.
Edisto Island.
St. Mark's, Clarendon.
St. Mark's, Manchester.
St. Stephen's, Black Oak and
the Rocks.
North Santee, Winyaw.
All Saints, Waccamaw.
St. James', Goose Creek,
Grace Church.
St. Paul's, Pendleton.
St. James', Greenville.

NOES.

St. Philip's.

Divided.
Trinity Church, Columbia.
St. James', Santee.

The 10th Article of the Constitution, thus amended, will now read as follows:

Wilful error in religion, or deviation from the Rubric of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a Clergyman to the State Convention; and on clear and

sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath duly administered in the Convention, or by a commission to take such, duly executed, such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty, or not guilty, as the Convention shall determine; and the Bishop shall proceed to admonish, censure, suspend, or degrade such Clergyman, as, in his judgement, the nature of the case, or the usages, or interests, of the Church may require. And, he shall, in the name of the Convention, inform the Vestry, or Congregation, of the Church, in which such Minister is officiating at the time, of such censure, suspension, or degradation.

It was moved by the Rev. A. Gibbes, to reconsider the vote of yesterday, to postpone the consideration of the 3rd Section of the Report of the Committee on unfinished business.

The question being taken, it was carried. It was then Resolved, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Huger, that the further consideration of the subject be postponed, to the first day of the next Convention, and laid on the table for their consideration.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Committee "on the Admission of Churches into the Convention."

It was Resolved, on motion of the Rev. A. Gibbes, to insert after the words "letter to the Bishop," the following words, "or when there is no Bishop to the Standing Committee," and after the word "Bishop," "or Standing Committee."

The question was then taken on the first part of the Report, relating to the Admission of Churches, and carried.

It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Hanckell, to strike out the Resolution, at the end of the Report, and insert the following, as a Canon:

Delegates shall be elected by the several Episcopal Churches, throughout the Diocese, from among the members of each Church respectively.

The question being taken, it was carried; but some doubt being entertained of the validity of this decision, the motion, by consent, was withdrawn.

It was moved by Mr. Turnbull, that the further consideration of the Report be postponed. On the question being taken, it was lost.

It was then moved by Mr. Turnbull, to strike out the second part of the Report. On the question being taken, it was lost.

The question was then taken on the Report, as amended, and carried.

The Rev. Allston Gibbes, submitted for consideration at the next Convention, the following amendment of the 2d Article of the Constitution: to insert after the words, "throughout the State," the words "from among the members of those Churches respectively."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gervais, the Convention adjourned until half past 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday, February 16, 1822.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Prayers were read by the Rev. Henry Gibbes, Minister of All-Saints, Waccamaw.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Rev. Joseph M. Gilbert, Rector of the Church on Edisto Island, appeared and took his seat.

William Heyward, a Lay-Delegate from St. Lukes, presented a certificate of his appointment, which being read and approved, he took his seat accordingly.

The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the Report on the Bishop's Fund.

It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Huger, to insert, in the first resolution, after the words "respective Church," the following: "By a moderate tax on each pew." The question being taken, it was carried.

It was then moved by the Hon. Mr. Huger, to strike out in the first Resolution, the words, "Secretary of the Convention," and insert, the "Lay-Members of the Standing Committee." It was then moved by Major Wragg, to amend the Amendment by striking out the words "Lay-Members of the." This being agreed to, the question was taken on the Amendment, so amended, and carried.

The question was then taken on the 1st Resolution, so amended, and carried.

The question was taken on the 2d. 3rd. 4th. 5th. and 6th Resolutions, in succession, and severally agreed to; the words *Locum tenens*, being previously stricken out of the last.

It was then moved by Mr. Simons to amend the Canon, by inserting after the word "annually," the words, "in every Church under his care." This amendment was agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Huger, moved to insert the words, "or his Assistant," after the word "Diocese." Agreed to.

It was then moved by Mr. Simons, to strike out the words, "Delegates from," and insert "Vestry of." This amendment was agreed to.

Before the main question was taken, it was moved by the Hon. Benj. Huger, and carried, to strike out the words after "agreed to," in the latter part of the Report, to the end of the paragraph.

The question was then taken on the Report, as amended, and carried. The Report, as adopted, is as follows:

That after due consideration, and much reflection, the Committee are sorry to acknowledge their inability to devise any further, or more efficient, means of promoting the success, of either the Bishop's Permanent or Common Funds, than those recommended by a Committee of the last Convention, and unanimously agreed to by that Convention. Although the measures then proposed, and adopted, may not have entirely answered the hopes and expectations of those who suggested them, the Committee are happy to observe, that they have not been altogether unavailing. Whilst a small, but gradual increase of the Permanent Fund, has taken place, during the year, the contributions to the Common Fund

have advanced nearly, it would seem, to \$1000. And could the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," feel themselves authorized, and be induced to contribute five or six hundred dollars to this last Fund, we should probably attain in part, the very desirable object embraced in one of the Resolutions of the last Convention, and be enabled to appropriate the whole of the Interest of the Permanent Fund, exclusively to the augmentation of the Capital of that Fund.

In this hope, and under this, if not perfectly satisfactory, yet consolatory view of the state of the Bishop's Fund, the Committee beg leave to direct the attention of the Convention to the Report of the Committee of the last Convention, on the same subject, and to recommend, that the present Convention adopt the Resolutions then proposed, and agreed to; viz :

1. *Resolved*, that, (it being of essential importance to obtain *distinctly* the opinion of the several Episcopal Churches throughout the Diocese, and ascertain their disposition to contribute, in one way or other, both to the present and permanent support of the Bishop's Fund) the Standing Committee do, at an early period, address the Vestry of each Church, earnestly requesting of them, to obtain and communicate the sense and disposition of their several Congregations on the subject, and proposing to them to contribute;

By a per centage on the State tax of each individual :

By a per centage on the Income of each respective Church :

By a moderate tax on each Pew :

By a small, but specific sum, to be paid by each individual :

By any other preferable mode ; towards the support of the Bishop's Fund.

2. *Resolved*, that the Convention renew, and specially recommend, the Resolutions heretofore adopted by their predecessors ; requiring that once in each and every year, at some suitable and convenient time, and favourable occasion, a Sermon be preached in every Church in this Diocese, in aid of the support of a Bishop, until the Bishop's Fund shall be adequate thereto : and that the sums collected be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society, and be applicable to the immediate support of a Bishop.

3. *Resolved*, that in the opinion of this Convention, it is highly just, proper, becoming and desirable, that St. Michael's Church should be aided and relieved from the unequal burden, to which they have been subjected, of almost exclusively supporting, and enabling the Bishop to bestow his Pastoral attention to the different Congregations of his Diocese.

4. *Resolved*, further, therefore, as nothing under God, is likely to tend more to the advancement and success of the Church, than that the

Head of it, should be authorized and enabled to devote, at least a portion of his time, to its general concerns and interest, and to foster, encourage and excite, by frequent and alternate visits, the several Congregations of this Diocese : That it be the duty of the Standing Committee to make application to, and respectfully, but urgently request, on the part of this Convention, the assistance of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," (whose funds flow in a greater or less degree from the whole body of the members of the Church,) in promoting this desirable and all important object.

5. *Resolved*, that this Convention duly appreciate, and highly approve, the liberal and truly Christian example, afforded by the Vestry and Wardens of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, and they sincerely hope that such an example will produce the most beneficial effects.*

6. *Resolved*, whenever from any other source or sources, a sum not exceeding 1500 dollars, can be otherwise raised to meet the additional expenses of the current year, occasioned to any particular Church, by the circumstance of the Rector thereof, being the Bishop, that the whole of the principal and interest of any sums heretofore, or which may hereafter be, subscribed towards the Bishop's Fund, be exclusively appropriated to the increase of the Permanent Fund.

The Committee beg leave further to recommend the following to be adopted, as one of the Canons of the Church :

Every Minister having a Parochial Charge in this Diocese, or his Assistant, shall, at such time as he may deem proper, preach, annually, in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office; and at such time, the Vestries of the Churches in which such Sermons shall be preached, are requested to make a collection in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual subscription.

The Report of the Committee on the establishment of a Periodical Religious Paper, was then taken into consideration. No amendments being offered, the Report was, on motion, agreed to.

The Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, was then called up, and on the question being taken, it was unanimously agreed to.

* Extract from the Journals of last Convention, p. 17.

"The Hon. Judge Huger, from Grace Church, read a report from a Committee of the Vestry and Wardens of that Church, in reply to a Circular Letter from the Secretary of the Convention, enclosing the Resolution introduced by Mr. Simons at the last Convention. They recommend, "that instead of the plan proposed by the Convention, the Members of this Vestry should each subscribe the amount of their State Tax, for the year 1820, one fourth thereof to be paid annually for the four next ensuing years, in aid of the Bishop's Permanent Fund; deducting such amount as may have been heretofore subscribed or paid by them for the same purpose. And that the Vestry recommend to the Members of this Congregation to do the same." The Report being accepted by the Vestry, and a subscription paper prepared accordingly, the Delegates from that Church were directed to communicate the Report to the Convention."

Mr. Horry submitted for the consideration of the next Convention, the following addition to the end of the 2nd Article of the Constitution :

“ Signed by the Chairman and Secretary, of some meeting held within the year, of the Vestry of the Parish in whose behalf they appear ; or of the Congregation, or of such Trustees, or Committee of the same, as may, for the time, be charged with its affairs.”

The following was offered by the Rev. Allston Gibbes, for consideration at the next Convention :

“ That the Canon adopted at the present Convention, regulating the Admission of Churches newly organized, into the Convention, be made an Article of the Constitution.”

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, *Resolved unanimously*, as the sense of this Covention, that we highly approve of the manner in which the concerns of the “ Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina,” have been conducted ; that we regard it as a useful instrument, under the divine blessing, of re-organizing and re-establishing the decayed Churches in this Diocess, and recommend it to Episcopalian, as a Society worthy of their highest confidence, and most liberal patronage.

It was *Resolved*, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Board of Trustees of the “ Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina,” for their great attention to the Bishop’s Fund, committed to their trust by the Convention.

The following Resolution was moved by the Rev. A. Gibbes :

Resolved, by the Convention, that they deem it highly desirable and important, that measures should be taken in every Parish to raise and establish some permanent fund for the support of the public offices of the Church, or to provide for the same, by an annual tax, or assessment on each pew, or bench, in the same.

The question being taken on this Resolution, it was lost.

The Treasurer laid his accounts before the Convention ; whereupon, Mr. Hazlehurst and Mr. Bay were appointed a Committee, to examine and report on the same.

On motion of Mr. Simons, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the President and Secretary, for their respective services.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer’s accounts, reported, that they had found the same to be correct, and that there remains in his hands, a balance of \$105. 76. The Report was accepted, and the thanks of the Convention given to the Treasurer for his services.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that 500 copies of the Journal be printed; and 500 additional copies of such interesting extracts from the Journal as may be directed by the Bishop.

It was then moved by Mr. J. M. Taylor, and agreed to, that the next meeting of the Convention be held on Wednesday, the 19th day of February next.

After Prayers, by the Bishop, and the Blessing, the Convention adjourned.

(Attested)

FREDERICK DALCHO,

NATHANIEL BOWEN,

President.

Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina.



WHEREAS in all Societies professing Christianity, the promotion of religion should primarily engage their sincere attention ; as being the sure and only means of rendering them acceptable to Almighty God, and calling down his blessings upon them. And whereas by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the United States of America, a Constitution and Canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same :

Be it therefore Resolved, That the following Constitution be agreed to, adopted and observed, by the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this State, or their government :

Article 1st.—A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in every February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon, by the preceding Convention ; but if a sufficient number of the Churches do not attend on the same day, the Representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, of any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed ; which shall consist of, at least, seven Churches.

Article 2d.—Delegates shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches throughout the State, to represent them in the State Convention : The Delegates to be elected in such manner, time and numbers, as each Church shall deem proper ; to serve twelve months from the time of election ; who shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election.

Article 3d.—The Minister, or Ministers, of every Episcopal Church, shall always be, *ex-officio*, a member, or members, of the Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof, with the exception of such as involve the temporal concerns of the Churches ; but the right to vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the

Churches, shall, nevertheless, appertain to such Clerical member, or members, as may be specially authorized to do so, by his, or their Vestry, or other authority of his or their Congregation, in the absence of their Lay-Delegate, or Lay-Delegates.

Article 4th.—Every Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church employed in this Diocess, with the approbation of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

Article 5th.—The Bishop of the Diocess, shall be, *ex officio* President of the Convention; in his absence a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending members.

Article 6th.—A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually chosen, (to continue in office until a successor be appointed) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the Proceedings; and regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place appointed for any stated, or special, meeting of the Convention.

Article 7th.—A Standing Committee, consisting of an equal number of Clergymen and Laymen, shall be appointed at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Constitution and Canons of the State Convention, and who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

Article 8th.—It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention, whenever he, or they, shall deem it necessary.

Article 9th.—In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, the Representatives of each Church shall vote conjointly; each Church having one vote, and a majority of votes shall be decisive.

Article 10th.—Wilful error in religion, or deviation from the Rubric of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a Clergyman to the State Convention; and on clear and sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath duly administered in the Convention, or by a commission to take such, duly executed, such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty, or not guilty, as the Convention shall determine; and the Bishop shall proceed to admonish, censure, suspend, or degrade such Clergyman, as, in his judgement, the nature of the case, or the usages, or interests, of the Church may require. And, he shall, in the name of the Convention, inform the Vestry, or Congregation, of the Church, in which such Minister is officiating at the time, of such censure, suspension, or degradation.

Article 11th.—The Delegates of the several Churches to the State Convention, shall, during the recess of the Convention, be Corres-

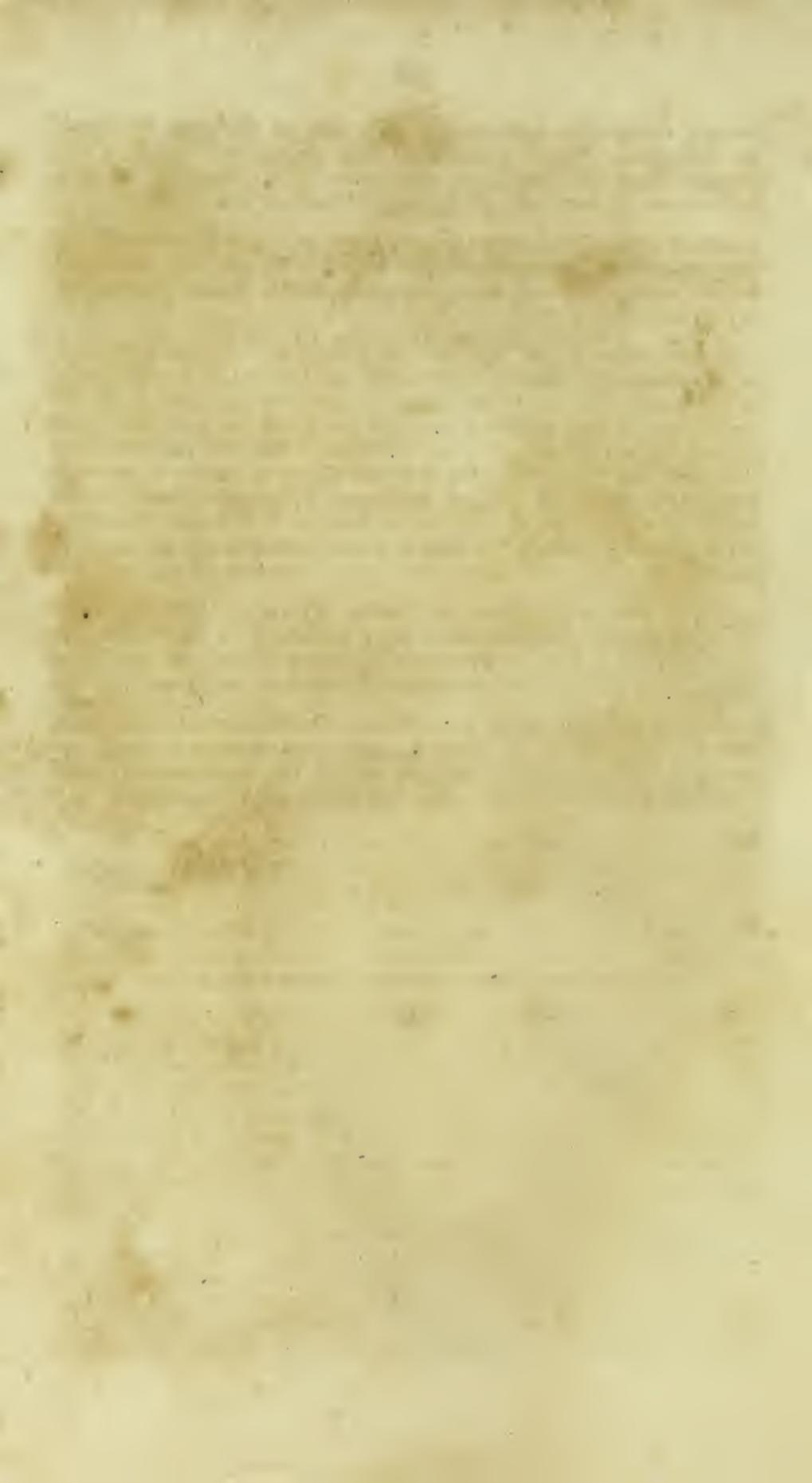
ponding Committees, intrusted with the duty of informing the Standing Committee, of the situation of their respective Churches; and generally, such other things, as may relate to the temporal and spiritual interests of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this State.

Article 12th.—No Article, Canon, Rule, or other Regulation of any General, or State Convention, shall be obligatory on any Episcopal Church within this State, where the same shall be found to infringe on any of its chartered rights.

Article 13th.—To the intent that the Church in this State should not be unrepresented in General Convention, the Clerical or Lay-Delegate, or Delegates, who may be hereafter nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their Colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent Delegate or Delegates, any citizen or citizens of this State; *Provided*, that such citizen or citizens is, or are, a member, or members, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State; or if it be inconvenient for any Delegate or Delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place.

Article 14th.—The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, shall be used in the Churches of this Diocese.

Article 15th.—No one of these Articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new Article, be proposed at one Convention, and be concurred in by two-thirds of the Churches present, at a subsequent Convention.



CANONS

PASSED IN CONVENTION OF 1822.

CANON I.

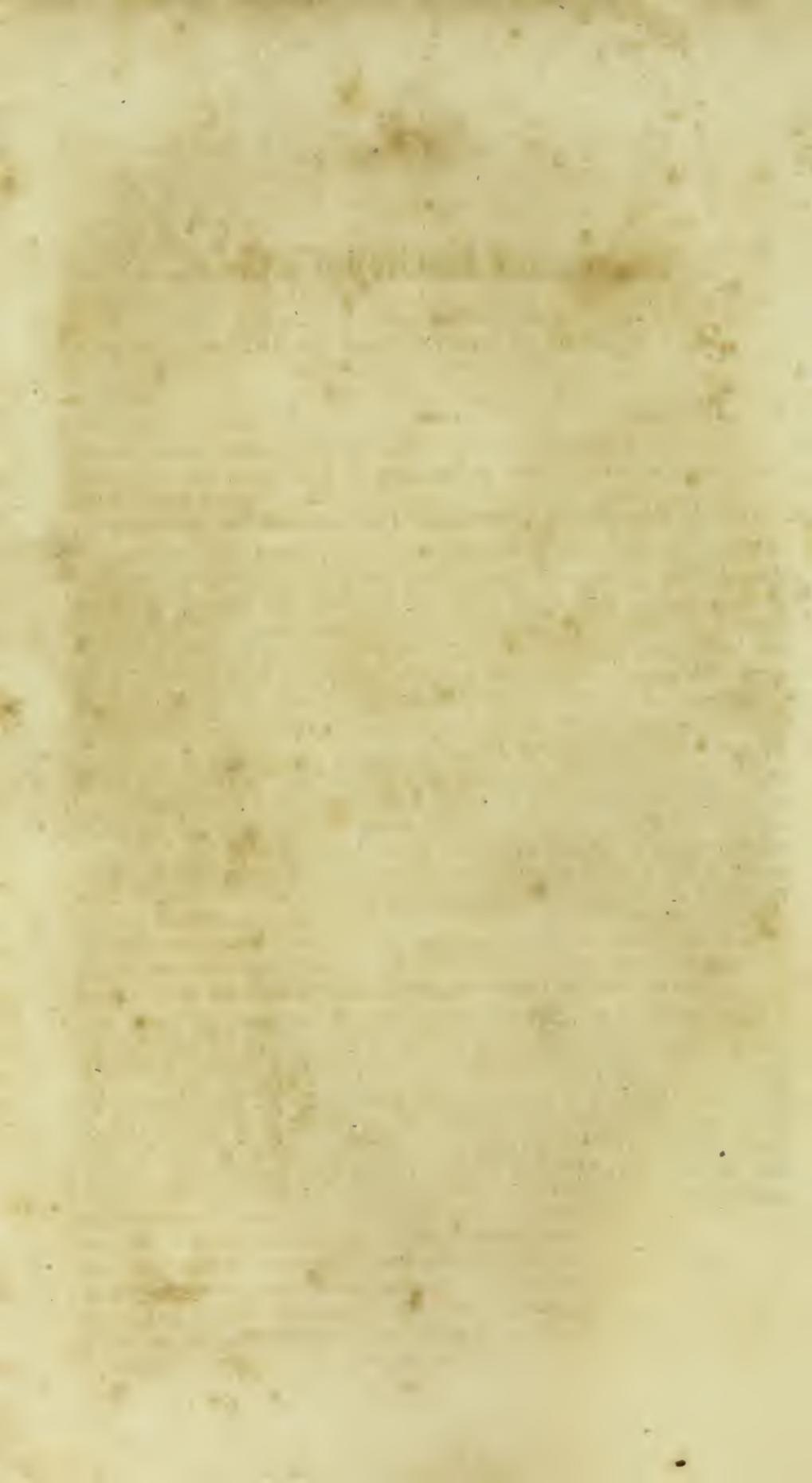
On the Admission of Churches, or Parishes, into the Convention.

Whenever a Church, or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocess, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocess, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall communicate the same to the Convention, for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favorable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church of this Diocess, and Delegates therefrom may be immediately received.

CANON II.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial Charge in this Diocess, or his Assistant, shall, at such time as he may deem proper, preach, annually, in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office; and at such time, the Vestries of the Churches in which such Sermons shall be preached, are requested to make a collection in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual subscription.



TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE
Protestant Episcopal Church,
IN SOUTH-CAROLINA.

BRETHREN,

A RESOLUTION of the late Convention of our Church, in this state, embraced, as you will have found, in the report of a Committee of that body, specially appointed to consider and report on the subject, has made it my duty to address you, in behalf of the SEMINARY instituted by the General Convention, for the education of young men to the ministry. This institution as you have already learned, has, by a late happy arrangement, made with great unanimity, by a special meeting of the General Convention, been removed from New-Haven, to the city of New-York : where a liberal bequest of the late JACOB SHERRED, Esq. of that city, together with funds, which had been created by the Convention of the Diocese of New-York, for a Seminary of its own, will be appropriated to its support, and where, consequently, we trust, it has now obtained a permanent local habitation.

The generous benefaction, which the affectionate zeal of Mr. SHERRED for the Church, has occasioned, opens a new source of encouragement to the hopes and efforts of the friends of the important interest in behalf of which it has been made, and authorizes the strong presumption, that it will now flourish and prosper, with the *glory of the Lord*, conspicuously inscribed upon it. Hitherto no small *discouragement* has been inseparable from the difficulty of inducing, such a concert of operations, and such unity of opinion and feeling with respect to various matters, connected with the erection of a General Seminary of Theological education, as would ensure a useful efficacy to any individual contribution to its funds. This is now happily removed. The provision of Mr. SHERRED, is a sure foundation, on which it remains for the Members of the Church at large, to erect their own superstructure, and on which, whatever is placed, will rest, with all the security of good, that in human enterprises and undertakings, can be reasonably expected. The call of the Church, therefore, on its Members, the general reasonableness and propriety of which could never have been questioned, is now enforced by every circumstance necessary to the satisfaction of those to whom it is addressed.—The SEMINARY with the means now possessed must exist. It must impart in some degree, at least, the benefits of a regular, systematic, ministerial education. Still its resources must be utterly inadequate to the good which every Member of the Church, must desire, that of extending those benefits through all her borders, and from the centre to the remotest circle of her influence, without that assistance from the Church at large, which in every instance in which it is rendered, may now confidently be expec-

ted to be efficacious, towards the important end contemplated. It is for such assistance, therefore, that an appeal is now made to the love of God and man, in the mind of every member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this State. It is an appeal, which, cannot, we trust, be made in vain. It must awaken considerations in every mind, to which it is brought, that will forbid it to be indifferent to its success.

Brethren, behold the Church *in whose bosom your fathers fell asleep, and were gathered to their fathers*, the Church in which you enjoy the happy privileges of *Members of Christ, Children of God, and Inheritors of the kingdom of Heaven*; behold the Church for whose true interest and honour, you cannot but cherish the most animated concern; behold it in danger, in some not distant day perhaps, of distraction in its councils, diversity in its doctrines, schism in its government, for want of such community of sound education among its Ministers, as will lead them to act, and teach, and minister, in all things which become them, on sound common principles, and with common feelings worthy of their office. To the unity of this household of faith so honourable in its character, so beautiful in its system, so worthy of that divine head and Lord, with the garment of whose righteousness it is clothed, to the unity of this one body, *of which you being many are Members*, which of you can be indifferent, without dishonour to your calling, and the consciousness of the displeasure of him, in whose honour and glory, you know and feel, that all your religious sensibilities should centre?

It is, also, a consideration which the appeal now made, must call into influence in its favour, that a more effectual, and a more generally attainable education for the Ministry of our Church, is indispensable, in order that its honour may not suffer, and its influence be lost, amidst the general advancement and prosperity of the various other interests of life and of Society, crowning them with splendour and distinction. The name and character of our country, have progressively gained upon the honour of the proudest nations of the other hemisphere; and the tribute, however, reluctantly, has been rendered to the successful zeal, with which the arts of elegance, as well as convenience, and all that is useful and honourable in science, have been prosecuted, in this comparatively new scene of action to the human powers. Has the character of the Christian Ministry, in the Church, (of which, humble as may be its condition we are proud to assert our membership,) maintained its correspondent rank, and secured its proportionate increase of honour, is a question, which we know not that we can confidently solve in the affirmative. May not the apprehension be entertained, that in this respect, the circumstances which arose, on the dissolution of the national relations which constituted our Church, part of that of the parent country, have long operated a gradually deteriorating effect? Has not, therefore, the time fully come, which calls for an effort of no ordinary kind, that we may reflect the light of a character, back to that Church, which may cause her if *not to glory*, at least not to *be ashamed* in the remembrance that *we come out from her*? You will not hesitate to admit my Brethren, that without other means and opportunities of ministerial education, than we now possess, (notwithstanding here and there a splendid instance of

excellence, in spite of all our disadvantages, extorting admiration and honour,) it is in vain for us to hope for this. And is it not equally vain, that we should hope to escape without them the dishonour that must be reflected on our Church, from a Ministry too little furnished for their Master's work, and too little qualified to get honour upon his cause, by their assertion of his truth against its gainsayers, or their defence of his Church against such as oppugn its faith, and reproach its institutions?

As yet, perhaps we feel not this evil; for as yet, I know not that we are required to admit any insufficiency, other than is common to human infirmity, in the general body of our Ministry, to the duties which attach to it, or any defect of character, that can subject it, to contempt. On the contrary, we cannot but see great cause of thankfulness to Him who is *head over all things to his Church*, that he has caused the desire to take *upon them this office and Ministry*, to possess the hearts of men, so generally willing to urge their way through all the difficulties and obstacles, which lie in the path of preparation for its work, and so able to surmount them, with honour to themselves and credit to their calling. But is it possible for us, at the same time, not to perceive the danger of this evil, with which existing circumstances so seriously threaten us? The number of our Ministers, you are abundantly aware, is insufficient for the work which Providence seems to have prepared for them. While each, therefore, in every station, has a portion of this work allotted to him, equal and often much more than equal to his individual time and strength, who shall be found to render the attention to those, seeking to be qualified for this work, which will effectually aid them to become able and apt for it, according to the increasing demands and expectations, of a community continually advancing with an almost unexampled rapidity, at once in religious knowledge, and in all literature, science and refinement?

But I feel, Brethren, that I need not insist, on the obvious considerations, which justify the demand on the love of Christ and his Church, in the minds of his people within our Communion, in behalf of which, I address you. Let me only further remind you, that it is not in reason to be expected, that half the number of labourers requisite for the field, which Providence here has opened, and is continually opening, can be procured, without an institution, such as that which is contemplated. Gratuitous education for the ministry, and a gratuitous maintenance during the season of such education, is among the objects for which it is desired, by its means, as far as possible to provide: that thus encouragement may be extended to many, willing to dedicate themselves to the work of Christ, in the service of the sanctuary, for want of which, they may be compelled into other occupations, and lost irretrievably to this.

With such considerations, then, (on which I have been fearful to enlarge) to enforce its claim, may I not have rightly said, as I have said, that the object contemplated, cannot address itself in vain to the people of our Communion? Can they be insensible to the benefits to be expected from its accomplishment, so unspeakably desirable and important? Can they, however widely scattered, and separated, be indifferent to the common interest and welfare of that one body, which ministering to every part its supply of life and power, demands of

every part alike, its faithful ministration to the necessities of the whole ? Can they be insensible to the honour of the Church, of which they are Members, as consisting so essentially, in the character of those in it, who minister and serve the altar ? Can they be unwilling that, here, there should be *burning and shining lights*, in whose light all may rejoice and confide, to guide and cheer them, in the path of immortality ? Can they refuse to minister to God's glory, of the *ability which God giveth*, and share with one another, the honour of setting forth that glory, in the character and labours of a Ministry, “*rightly instructed into the kingdom of heaven*”—thoroughly furnished for their work, and so qualified to assert and maintain *the truth as it is in Jesus*, as to teach the wisest and the greatest among whom it is their lot to serve their Master, to reverence his name, and seek the salvation that is in Him ? Can they be so unmindful of the interests of the young, as to feel no anxiety, that they should have a character of Christian Ministry before them, calculated as they advance into maturity, to inspire them with the reverence, necessary to win or constrain their sober and considerate regard to the things of God and heaven ? Or, can it be possible for any mind to overlook the obvious danger of contempt and neglect, on their part, of all that is sacred and eternal, justified by a reference to too little instructed teachers and ministers of such things ?

Brethren, on a subject which so readily bespeaks its own interest in the hearts of the friends of Christ and his cause, I have said more, perhaps, than was necessary. Let me crave your indulgence, for seeming to importune your attention, to that from which you would not be thought willing to withhold it. It is manifestly, too manifestly to need to be proved, a great interest of Christianity and of the Church founded in its doctrine, that means should be provided here, such as in all other Churches and religious communities are provided, for the more complete and systematic instruction of those, who dedicate themselves to Christ, as his ministering servants. *Who would not rejoice in putting it forward to the utmost of his power ? Who can seriously contemplate it and not perceive in it, one of those occasions of contributing, while it is in the power of his hand to do so,* to the promotion of the divine glory and human happiness, which, worthily improved, must leave its beatifying influence in our bosoms, against that day of our necessity, when we shall turn dissatisfied from every thing, the thought of which, cannot cheer and animate our spirits, in their preparation for eternal scenes ?

In behalf and by desire of the Convention.

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